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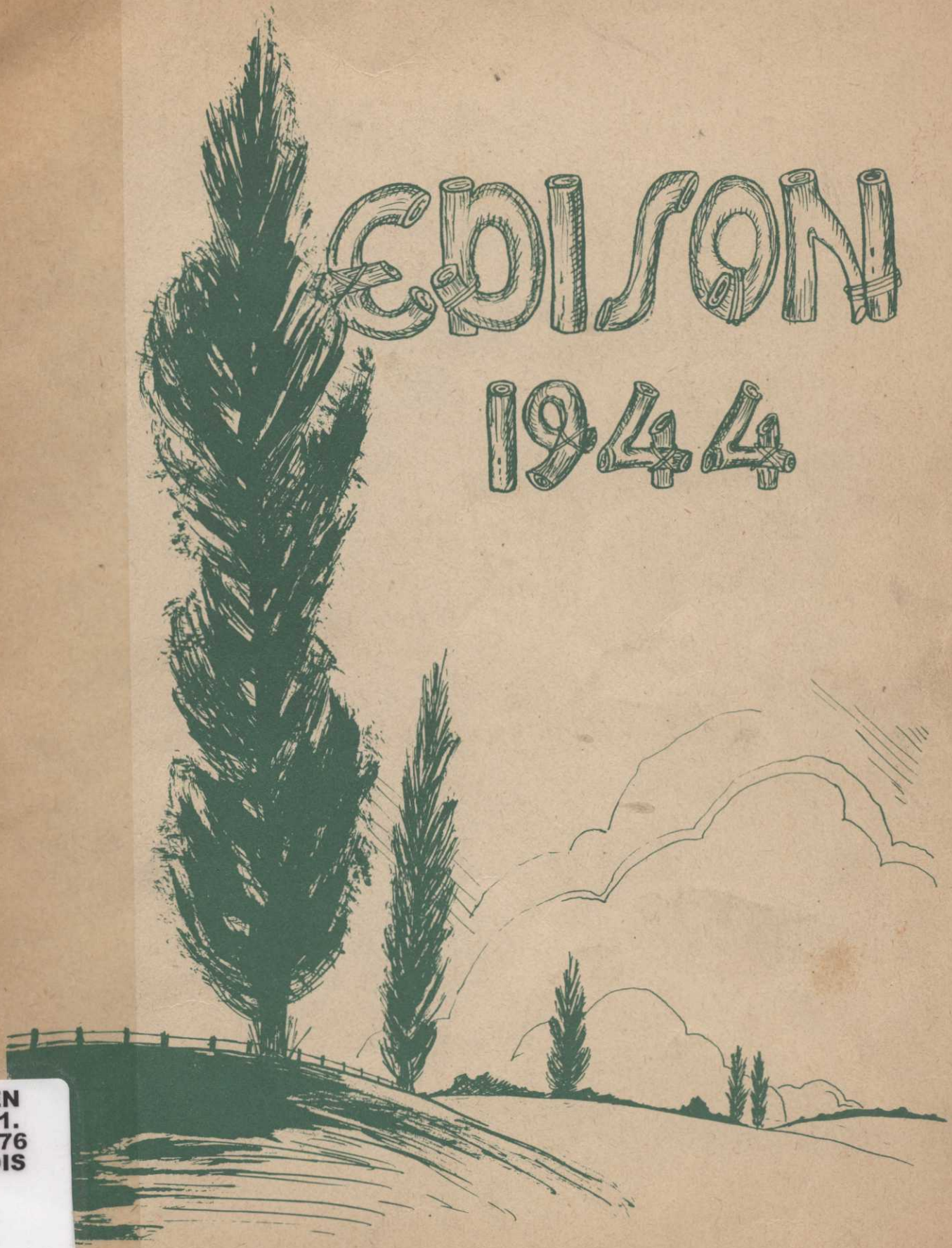

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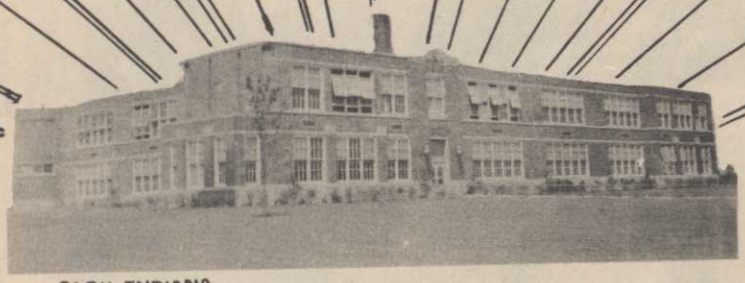


GARY, INDIANA

During the past few years you have enjoyed and benefited by one of the greatest opportunities America offers youth, namely, the privilege of an elementary and high school education in our public schools. For this right many have worked hard and made great sacrifices. Your record is an indication of your appreciation. As you continue your formal schooling or go from school life into life's school, my best wishes go with you.

C. E. Swingley

THE ROOTS

C.E. SWINGLEY
Principal

A.B. Ball State Teachers' College
M.A. Chicago University

ISABEL MATTERN JANKUS
English

Mount Mary College

VIOLA BRILEY
Mathematics

N.E. Missouri State Teachers' College

WINIFRED CRARY
Home Economics

Iowa State

BARBARA DAVIES
Dramatics

Ohio State

LAWRENCE DE LEURERE
Social Science

University of Pittsburgh

High school teachers not pictured:
Mrs. Mildred O'Laughlin, Science
University of Wisconsin.

BESS FEATHER
Music

University of Akron

GRETCHEN CULLISON GUNIA
Social Science--first semester

Indiana University

RICHARD JEFFERS
Industrial Arts

Indiana State Teachers' College

Richard Jeffers

ETHEL LARABEE
Auditorium

Ball State Teachers' College

Success Larabee

SONIA LESKOW
Commerce

Ball State Teachers' College

Sonia Leskow

GRETCHEN SAXTON
Spanish, English, Social Science

Indiana University

Gretchen Saxton

ELIZABETH SCHEDDELL
Music

Illinois University

Elizabeth Scheddell

LOWELL D. SPARKS
Physical Education

Butler University

L D Sparks

LOIS STEVENS
Physical Education

American College of Physical Education, Chicago, Illinois

Lois Stevens

VIOLET WELTY
Art

Indiana State Teachers' College

Violet Welty
Best of Luck, "Giggles"

No._____

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

OUR FELLOW CLASSMATES IN

THE SERVICE

From

CLASS OF 1944

(Sender's Name)

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

(Sender's Address)

GARY, INDIANA

JUNE, 1944

(Date)

HI THERE,

We, the graduating class of 1944, extend to you our sincerest greetings. We wish you were here to take part in our graduation exercises. We appreciate, more than you realize, what a great job you are doing for us here at home. It hasn't been long since you were attending classes with us, and now you and many other boys just like you are making our future history.

Edison is taking an active part in home front duties, such as scrap-paper drives and the sale of bonds and stamps in the school. We think you would be proud to know that our A.O.A. (All-Out-Americans) of Edison has helped other Gary children in the winning of the brick from Independence Hall. Gary has been chosen as the city from the state of Indiana because of its fine work on the home front.

In the next few pages we will show you just what Edison has been doing. You will notice many changes. Our Band has new uniforms and the Glee Club new gowns. On this page, you will find some of the pictures we have been able to obtain of boys in our class who have recently sacrificed their diplomas in order to be fighting for our country. Some others who may have withdrawn before thinking of enlisting may be found on the miscellaneous pages. We have enjoyed hearing from all those who wrote. Our teachers often read your letters to us, and we realize that we've a long way to go to equal your accomplishments.

In closing, we wish to thank you for the job you're doing, and we extend our best wishes to you. Here's hoping that the day of victory is near and that you will soon return to the places which are dearest to you.

Hoping to see you soon, we remain as ever yours,

Class of '44

V···-MAIL

GREAT OAKS

PRESIDENT
LORRAINE GORDON

She takes her smile everywhere.

Band
G.A.A.
"Radio Rescue"

Lorraine Gordon

VICE PRESIDENT
ALBERT CHILELLI

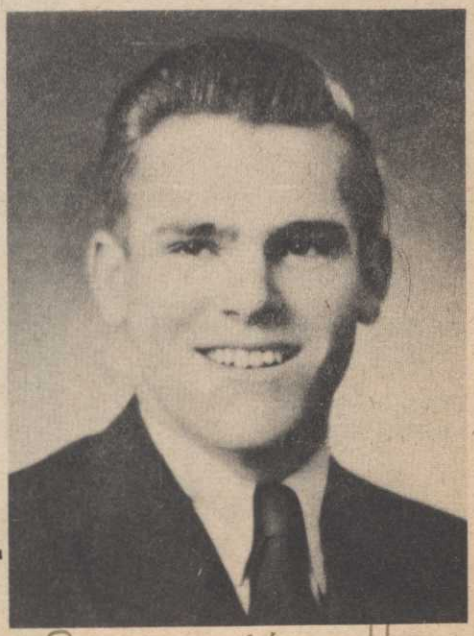
He is a superb athlete.

"Tea House of Sing Lo"
Basketball

SECRETARY
IRENE PERINO

A quiet poise and charm is hers.

"Torch"
"Radio Rescue"



TREASURER
JOHN VAN HORN

Music makes the man.

Basketball
Track
"Tea House of Sing Lo"

Johnny Van Horn

Elaine Gorney

ELAINE GORNEY
Valedictorian

"There is room at the top for the best."

"Tea House of Sing Lo"
Glee Club
G.A.A.

Fred Schmidt

FRED SCHMIDT
Salutatorian

In scholarship he is second to no man.

Hi-Y (Hobart
Debate
French Club
Traffic Squad

EILEEN KEELEY

A studious mind is evident.

"Torch"
Glee Club

Eileen Keeley

MARGARET HOJCUS

In gymnastics, she takes the lead.

"Radio Rescue"
G.A.A.
Band
E Club
Glee Club

RUSSELL BIERMIER

Nothing worries him.

"Captain Applejack"
Band

IRIS ADAMS

"Has little to say."

Glee Club

FRANCES BLAKEBOROUGH

She blows---
a mean clarinet.

"Tea House of Sing Lo"
Glee Club
Band
Radio Rescue

BETTY BOWEN

She does her best quietly.

Glee Club
G.A.A.

Betty Bowen

JACK CUMMINGS

Tut, tut--girls won't hurt you.

"Jane Eyre"
Cross Country

BETTY BOYLAN

Her charm is equal to her red hair.

Band
G.A.A.
"Torch"
E Club

DOROTHY FLEEGLE

She has a mind to express what she wants.

G.A.A.
Glee Club
"Torch"
"Tea House of Sing Lo"

RICHARD DEAL

He likes school--
all but the classes.

"Radio Rescue"
Band

RUTH FRAILEY

Her slogan--
Better late than never.

Glee Club

FLORENCE FREEMAN

We need more of her
kind.

G.A.A.
Glee Club

Flo Freeman

JUNE GOUGH

She's happy go lucky.

"Tea House of Sing Lo"
G.A.A. President
Glee Club
E Club
"Torch"

HELENE HANN

We'd like to see a
drum beat her up.

Band
Glee Club
"Torch" Editor
"Tea House of Sing Lo"

CAROLYN HESS

Her funny bone never
fails her.

G.A.A.
"Torch"
E Club

Carolyn Hess

ROY HAVIZA

"Tall, dark, and
handsome."

"Jane Eyre"

Roy E. Haviza

BOB LAX

He's seen but seldom
heard.

BETTY LONGBOTTOM

Greatness is not
measured by the yard.

G.A.A.

Betty Longbottom

WAUNETTA LUDWIG

Short and sweet.

"Torch"

ELAINE DAY LUDWIG

We're glad she rejoined us this year.

Glee Club

ARTHUR MacDONALD

Napoleon was a small man too.

Debate
American Legion
Oratorical Contest

Arthur MacDonald

MARILYN McMEEKIN

"Hollywood, here I come."

"Tea House of Sing Lo"
"Radio Rescue"

DOROTHEA McELFRESH

She helped Wrigley make a fortune.

G.A.A.
Glee Club

JOHN MALOVICH

Stately and tall he moves through the hall.

"Jane Eyre"
Track Team
Hobby Contest
Representative

VIOLA QUIGLEY

She's faithful in all she does.

MAXINE SMITH

Quiet rivers often run deep.

JOAN SHEFFER

She believes in doing her best quietly.

Joan Sheffer

EDWARD SAJDERA

He's in the Army now.

Track Team

Edward Sajdera

VIRGINIA SMITH

She's not afraid of work.

Virginia Smith

Marge Squibb

MARGARET SQUIBB

Activity is her business.

"Torch" Editor
G.A.A.
Glee Club
Band President
Girls' Conf. Chairman
"What a Life"
"Mr. Dooley, Jr."
"Tea House of Sing Lo"

BETTY STIFLE

She can do wonders with a brush.

Betty Stifle

PAT VALENTI

Her dark tresses captivate

Band - Majorette
G.A.A.
Glee Club
"What a Life"
"Radio Rescue"
"Tea House of Sing Lo"

HAROLD STRATTON

He is God's gift to the girls.

"Captain Applejack"
Basketball
Track

Harold Stratton

MAY VILLARREAL

She's courteous to all, intimate with few.

G.A.A.
Band
E Club

EVELYN WEINBERG

Small but mighty.

"Torch"
"What a Life"

ARDYCE WELCH

Blushing is the color of virtue.

G.A.A.

Ardyce Welch

BILL ZORMIER

He has his own ideas.

Having examined the border, you probably recognize the faces as those of our envied Seniors when they were still in the eighth grade. "Freshies" is what they were called four years ago, and they were proud of it, too. It is difficult to find authentic record of what went on that year because of the several divisions this class had. Many were "weeded out" but the rest claim they enjoyed it immensely.

As usual, these people expected much of the next year, for they were no longer "green!" However, just the opposite took place--they were terribly neglected. They give this as the reason for being so studious. The size of the group grew when the students from Black Oak joined them.

As upper classmen, this class took over many responsibilities. Their Prom was in the form of an informal party at the Masonic Temple and was quite successful. This year brought more headaches, for the yearbook was no small amount of work. Then, too, this was the time to be thinking of the future. Since the Civil Service Exams a number of people are still considering going to Dayton or Washington, D. C. So this ends the history of the Class of '44. June 14, 1944 will begin 44 new histories with much adventure.

BRANCHES

First row: Russell Villa, Fred Schmidt, J. Parry, Fred Schurg, Bob Robertson, Bob Lancaster, J. Parry, Art MacDonald.
Second row: Marjorie Adams, Betty Emory, Betty Weeks, Vivian Lancaster, Mary Aloia, Phyllis Anderson, Mary Cheliras, Martha Smith, Helen Hughes, Donna Walzak, Rosemary, Erickson,
Third row: Miss Feather, Betty Longbottom, Joan Sheffer, Enid Fisher, Mary Stifle, Valetta Stoleman, Elaine Gorney, Alice Wells, Juanita Clark, Doris Mahaffey, Norma Gregory, Donna Anderson, Jean Kern, Janice Pinnell, Evelyn Bowen, Louise Bowen, Jackie Ping, Patricia Wierman, Mr. DeLeurere.
Fourth row: Bob Loebbaka, Danny Castaldi, Gordon McLaughlin, Bill Judis, Dic Peters, Dale Benson, Donald Belec, Bob Lax, Roy Haviza, Jack Cummings, Floyd Chubbs.

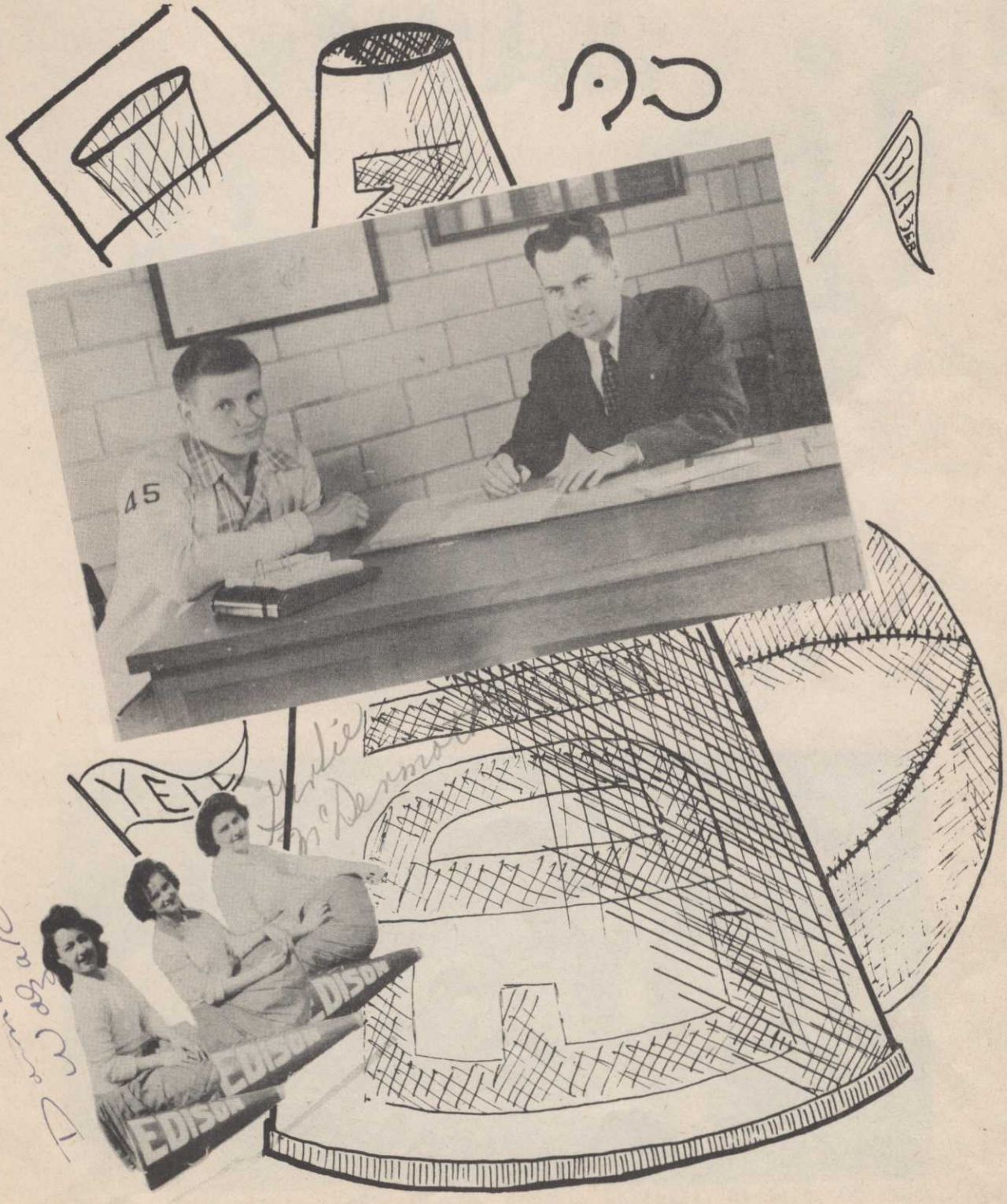
Juniors--

Their best claim for fame to date is a very successful prom which they sponsored at the Marquette Pavillion on June 2. The seniors will always remember the happy occasion, and the under-classmen will have a difficult time to better it. At the right are the officers of the Junior class: Jean Kern, Secretary; Art MacDonald, Vice-President; Bob Loebbaka, President; Valetta Stoleman, Treasurer.

TWIGS

SAPLINGS

THORNS



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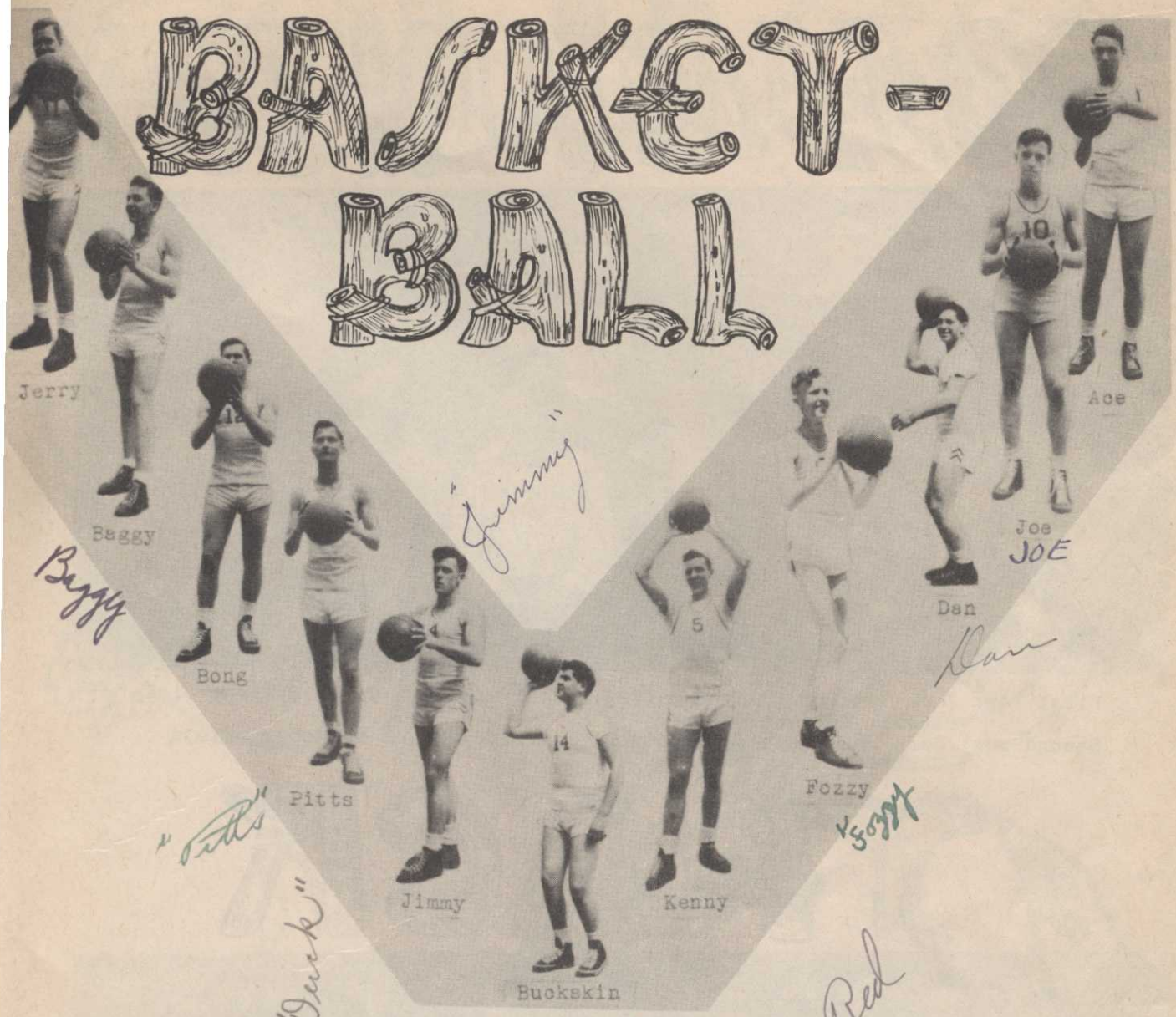
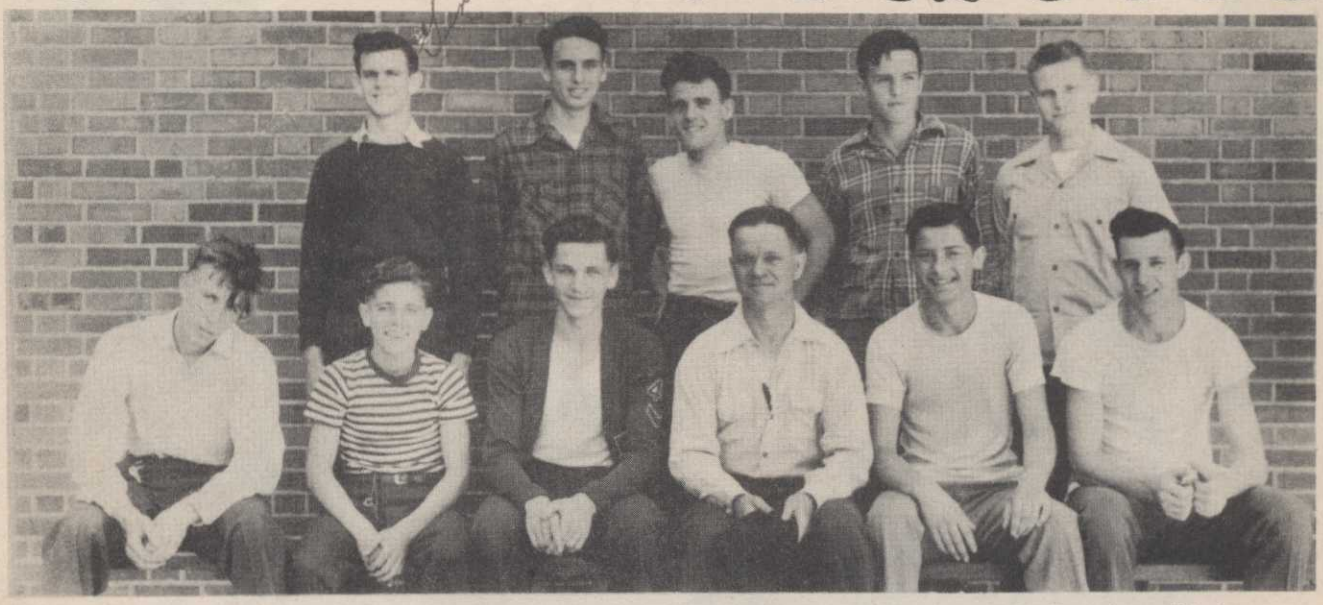


First row: Mladenik, Neff, Thomas, Norton, Chilelli, Daniels, Greiman, O'Donnell,

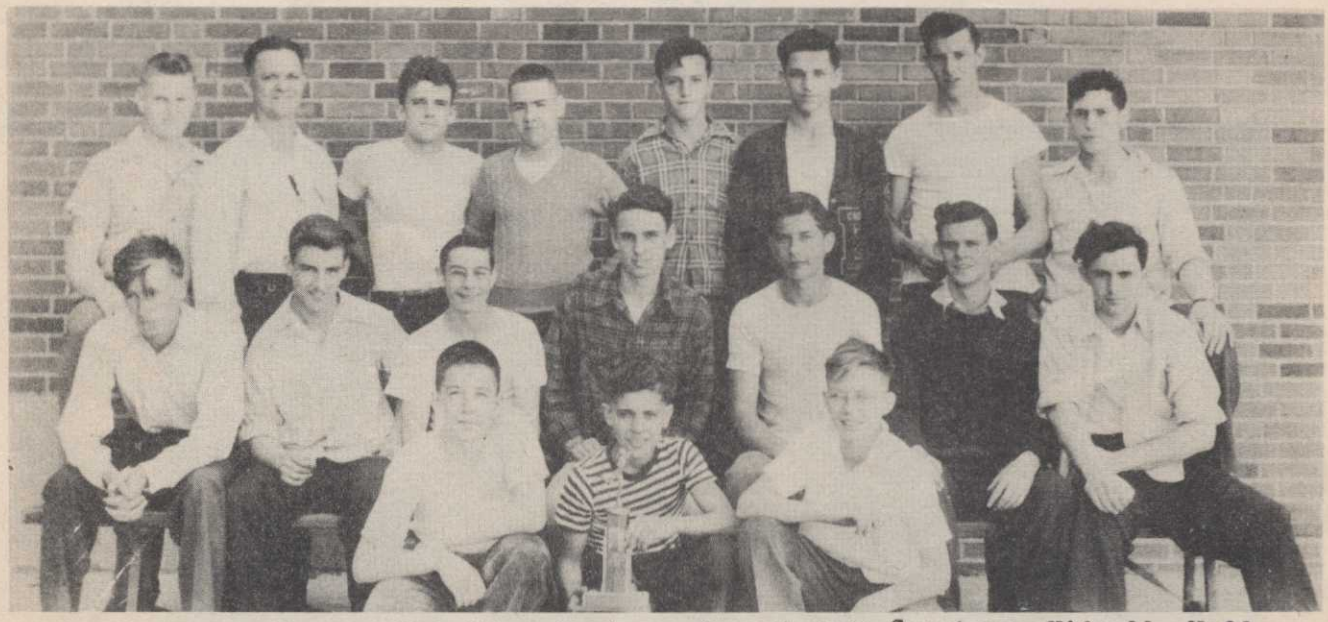
Second Row: Johnson, Belec, Malovich, Stowers, Talmadge, Mitchell, Walters, Loebbaka.

CROSS COUNTRY



First row: Jack Cummings, Ray Mahaffey, Jack Malovich, Coach Sparks, Dick Peters, Kenneth Daily.
Second row: Gene Stowers, Ace Stratton, Jim Hiddle, Joe Mladenik, Floyd Chubbs.

TRACK

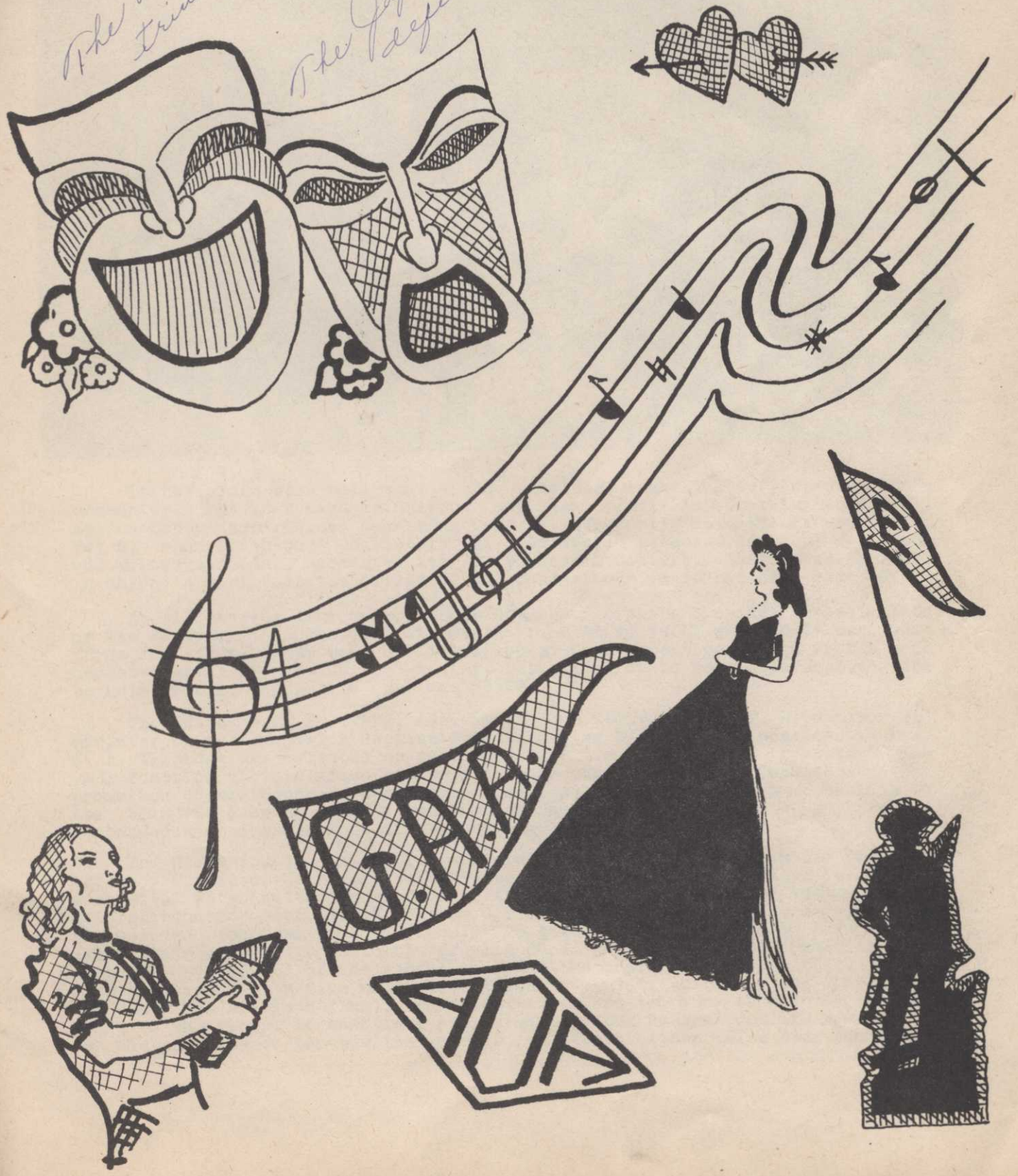


First row: Ramsay, Mahaffey, Greiman, Second row: Cummings, Kidwell, Neff, Stratton, Peters, Stowers, Robertson, Third row: Chubbs, Coach Sparks, Hiddle, Thomas, Mladenik, Malovick, Dailey, Castaldi.

FOLIAGE

The American Triumph

The Japanese defeat



BAND

It has often been said that a good band does something very special for a community. Put that band in uniform and the effect is something colossal!! Edison School experienced something very satisfactorily colossal Friday evening, May 5, when its band, completely and beautifully bedecked in brand new green and white uniforms, presented its Fourth Annual Concert. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that the climax of the band's four years had been reached.

It all started like this. Last October, after a thorough investigation of the matter, Miss Scheddell discovered that in spite of war conditions, uniforms for school bands were still available. Conferences were held with a band parents' group and Mr. C. E. Swingley. Determination to see it through was the keynote of all, though the goal was $2500.

The Edison Band Boosters' Association was formed, Rev. P. H. Halvorsen, minister of the Brunswick Baptist Church, having been elected president. Mrs. C. E. Talmadge was selected as secretary and Miss Scheddell as treasurer. The main function of this group was to encourage donations to the fund through the promotion of the Honorary Membership idea. A life-time Honorary Membership to the band was granted with a donation of one dollar or more. Many people responded and contributions started coming in.

The Brunswick Community Club offered not only a generous amount from its treasury but also their very valuable services. The P.T.A. of Edison sponsored a carnival which netted close to a fifth of the entire goal. The entire school got behind and pushed. The Hi-Y, the Girls' Reserve, various classes and clubs all scraped together what they could and gave. Many civic-minded merchants added their contributions to the growing fund. Even other school bands in town helped. By the end of the school year all the uniforms were paid for. There were purchased sixty-five uniforms, three drum major uniforms, one director's uniform, one American flag, one school flag, and two guns to furnish a color guard to the flags. In addition, approximately four hundred dollars was raised for the purchase of two new instruments, an alto clarinet and a bass clarinet.

G.A.A.

First row: Messas, McDermott, Satmary, Erickson, Gough, Frank, E. Bowen, Kern, L. Bowen. Second row: R. Vaughn, Blakeborough, Pappas, Derian, Elrod, Bock, M. Vaughn, Clifford, Walzak, Boylan. Third row: Mahaffey, D.Erickson, Nicoletto, Georgeiff, Anderson, Massey, M. Squibb, Deller, Hanson, Halfacre, Miss Stevens, sponsor.

GLEE CLUB

First row: Mary Janci, Ramona Vaughn, Carmen Messas, Sarah Halfacre, Georginia Clifford. Second row: Miss Feather, Patricia McCoy, Dorothy Erickson, Betty Elrod, Bonnie Bock, Joan Frank, Marceline Willis, Elaine Gorney, Sally Spees. Third row: Dorothy Nicoletto, Rosemary Erickson, Doris Mahaffey, Phyllis Pinnell, Mary Vaughn.

HI-Y

First row: Gough, Judis, Van Horn, Malovich, Oliver.
Second row: Benson, Loebbaka, McLaughlin, Hjerpe, Downey.

GIRL RESERVE

First row: Bliss, Lax, Ceotto, Johnson. Second row: Cuningham, Erickson, McDermott, Satmary, Derian, Frank, Massey, Deller, McCoy, Spees, Third row: Emory, Porter, Gut, Richards, Pappas, Messas, Crider, Matz, Elrod, Curtis, Bock, Day. Fourth row: Adams, Halfacre, Pinnell, Mahaffey, Erickson, D. Erickson, Nicoletto, Berry, B. Squibb, Willis, Clifford, Hanson, Fisher.

TORCH STAFF

Jim Shaw

PICTURED ABOVE: Seated--Mrs. Jankus, Sponsor; Rosemary Erickson, Donna Anderson, Reporters; Rosetta Blakeborough, Service-men; Eugene Stowers, Cartoonist; Evelyn Weinberg, Eileen Keeley, Typists. Standing--Margaret Squibb, Editor; James Shaw, June Gough, Reporters; Miss Leskow, Sponsor; Waunetta Ludwig, Betty Boylan, Mimeographers; Joe Mladenik, Sports; Jean Kern, Business Manager; Irene Perino, Fashions; Carolyn Hess, Circulation. Those not pictured Helene Hann, Ex-editor; Frances Blakeborough, Mimeographer.

The "Torch" made its first appearance in 1941, so it has been in existance for only 3 years.

Marge Johnson was the first editor of the paper and contributed a great deal toward it. At that time Mrs. Evans was the sponsor. Getting the paper started was a difficult task and we owe a great deal to the untiring work of the people who got the paper on its "feet" and got the students at Edison interested in it. Dollie Stram and her assistants carried on nobly during the second year.

If you were to compare the first edition with the latest one you would see immediately how diligently the different staffs of the paper have worked to improve it. As the paper has progressed, the adding of new features and the improving on the old ones has helped to vary the different editions.

Margaret Squibb is our present editor and Miss Leskow, our sponsor. Mrs. Jankus has been the proof-reader from the beginning.

The future staffs, we are sure, are going to do their best to achieve goal------a number 1 paper.

BLOSSOMS

Double Cast of LOVESICK: Rose Marie Lax, Joe Mladenik, Bill Hjerpe, Marilyn McMeekin, Helene, Johnson, Barbara Squibb, Neville Gough.

SOUTHERN BELLES OF MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME--Glee Club

Left group: Mary Vaughn, Elaine Gorney, Georgi nia Clifford, Betty Elrod, Rosemary Erickson, Dorothy Nicoletto, Joan Frank.
Center group: Sally Spees, Bonnie Bock, Barbara Squibb, Pat McCoy.
Right group: Mary Janci, Sarah Halfacre, Marceline Willis, Carmen Messas, Dorothy Erickson, Mary Vaughn, Doris Mahaffey, Phyllis Pinnell.

Smile Boys

King & Queen

Girls - line up on the right

Oh! Me!!

Coach

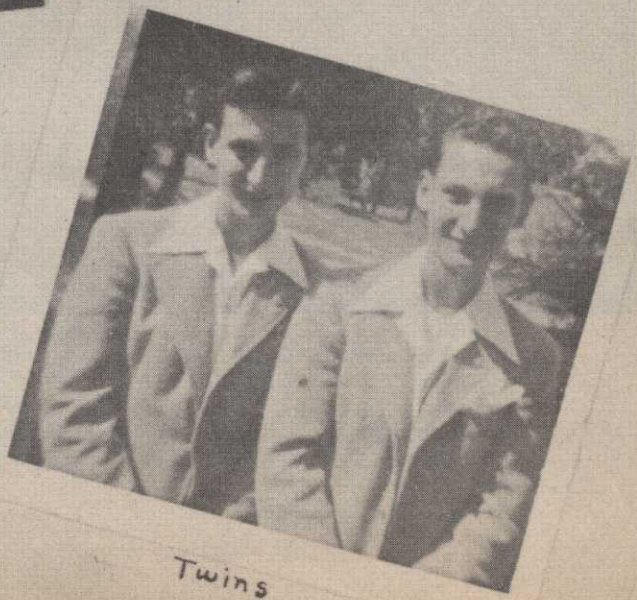
Welty

In the army now

Gee Whizz!

Lets Smile Boys

Pals - Eh?



Twins

All of pete's "Kids"!

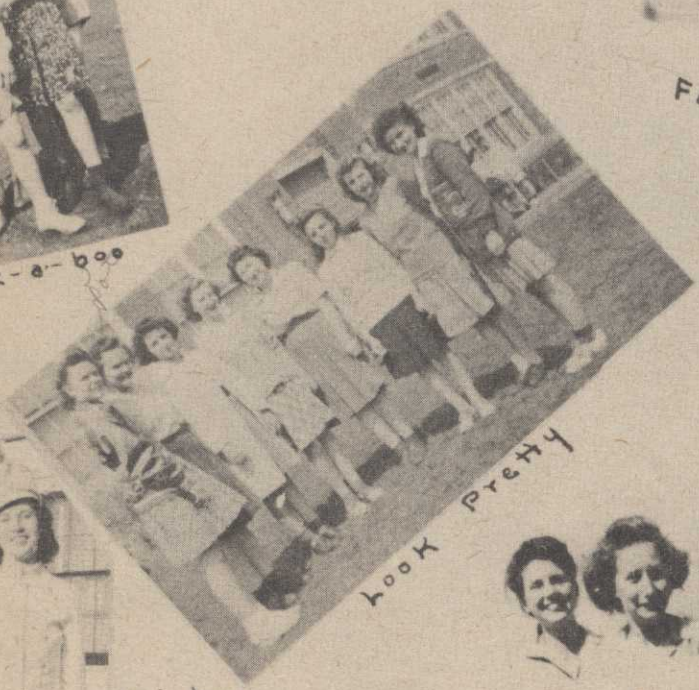
Throw it

How much am I bid?

Now Smile

Forward — March!

Peek-a-boo



Look Pretty

Barbara

Some Uniform - Some Girl

EDISON

Yea! Rah!!

Twirler

Buck

Gals

Foot notes

2 of a Kind

G.A.A. Officers

Cuties

Go!!

Look at the Birdie

As Usual

Now Girls

Quit Winking Ruth

Shoot!

Big Boy

Take This Book

Briley

Rose among Thorns

where are the Boys?

who is on the Bottom?

familiar sight

Some fun

Edison models

must Be funny

Sisters don't fight

Looking for someone, Boys

Reid

Shy??

must have been fun

The other half
Jimmy

Ye Editor
Margaret

on a picnic

Oh! Boy! Ye Art Student

cute-Eh?

School girls Three

Now cut it out

"Rosie"

Master Duke

G.C.

smiles

Is the orange Good

cute
Poor Joe
Play Ball
coach Gough
Sissies
Now Girls?
Oh! Gee!!
Say Now!
Deal
Robertson
Malovich
manager McMeekin
Hiddle
Talmadge
Mladnik
'Jackie
What -- no Tommy??

WILL

OF THE SENIOR CLASS

IRIS ADAMS leaves her quiet and pleasant attitude to Janice Pinnell.

RUSSELL BIERMIER wills his ability to please the girls to Jerry Dukeman.

FRANCIS BLAKEBOROUGH leaves her "Toots" on the clarinet to Bill Hjerpe.

BETTY BOWEN wills her ability to get a ring and give it back to Helen Hughes.

BETTY BOYLAN wills her ability to be satisfied with one man to Donna Walzak.

AL CHILELLI leaves his trim figure to Floyd Chubbs.

JACK CUMMINGS leaves to Dale Benson his place on the track team as a mile-runner.

DICK DEAL hopes that Bob Lancaster will take his place in keeping up the morale of the Lew Wallace Girls.

ELAINE DAY LUDWIG wills her ability to "hook" a man to Norma Gregory.

DOROTHY FLEEGLE wills her dates with a handsome man in the Marine Corps to Jean Kern.

RUTH FRAILEY leaves to Evelyn Bowen her "Ability to be true."

FLO FREEMAN gives to Vivian Lancaster her address book, (mostly sailors.)

LORRAINE GORDON'S ability to straighten out the affairs of any senior class goes to whoever may be elected next year.

ELAINE GORNEY wills to Marjorie Adams her title of Valedictorian for next year.

JUNE GOUGH wills to Juanita Sasser, who is considered lucky, her happy disposition and school spirit.

HELENE HANN gives her enormous appetite to "Little" Lena Hammons.

ROY HAVIZA wills his gift of gab to Russell Villa, who never has much to say.

CAROLYN HESS bestows on Mary Cheliras her ability to cut a good figure on skates.

MARGARET HOJCUS wills her athletic prowess to Valeta Stolman.

EILEEN KEELEY leaves her ability to get A's to Norma Jean Peters.

BOB LAX leaves his quietness to Bob Robertson, who can well use it.

BETTY LONGBOTTOM'S ability to be at school every day and any day goes to Mary Stifle.

WAUNETTA LUDWIG wills her ability to go steady to Enid Fisher.

ARTHUR MacDONALD bestows his oratorical ability on Kenneth Talmadge.

DOROTHEA McELFRESH leaves her ability to obtain 160 credits to Martha Smith.

MARILYN McMEEKIN leaves her make-up kit and directions for using it to Alice Wells.

JOHN MALOVICH leaves to Richard Peters his size 14 shoes.

IRENE PERINO, the dainty girl of the senior class, wills her "everything" to Juanita Clark.

VIOLA QUIGLEY wills to Kenneth Dailey her artistic ability in handling a basketball.

EDWARD SAJDERA leaves his ability to stay in the Army and be a good soldier to Fred Schurg.

FRED SCHMIDT leaves to Jack Parry his ability to do everything eg-zactly right in Mr. DeLeurere's class of economics.

JOAN SHEFFER wills her ability to graduate in three years to Betty Emory.

MAXINE SMITH wills her friendly ans sweet ways to Doris Mahaffey.

RICHARD SMITH leaves his bashfulness to Fuzzy Foresberg.

VIRGINIA SMITH leaves her boyfriend's suit of navy blue to Phyllis Anderson.

HAROLD STRATTON leaves the title "Ace" to Bob Loebbaka.

MARGARET SQUIBB leaves her ability to run anything and everything to Rosemary Erickson.

BETTY STIFLE leaves to Louise Bowen her ability not to pout over a man.

PAT VALENTI bestows on Pat McCoy her "high steps" in majoring.

JOHN VAN HORN leaves to Danny Castaldi his ability to "woo."

MAY VILLARREAL leaves her attendance record to Dorothy Ordean.

ARDYCE WELCH leaves her timed test scores to Katherine Ziller.

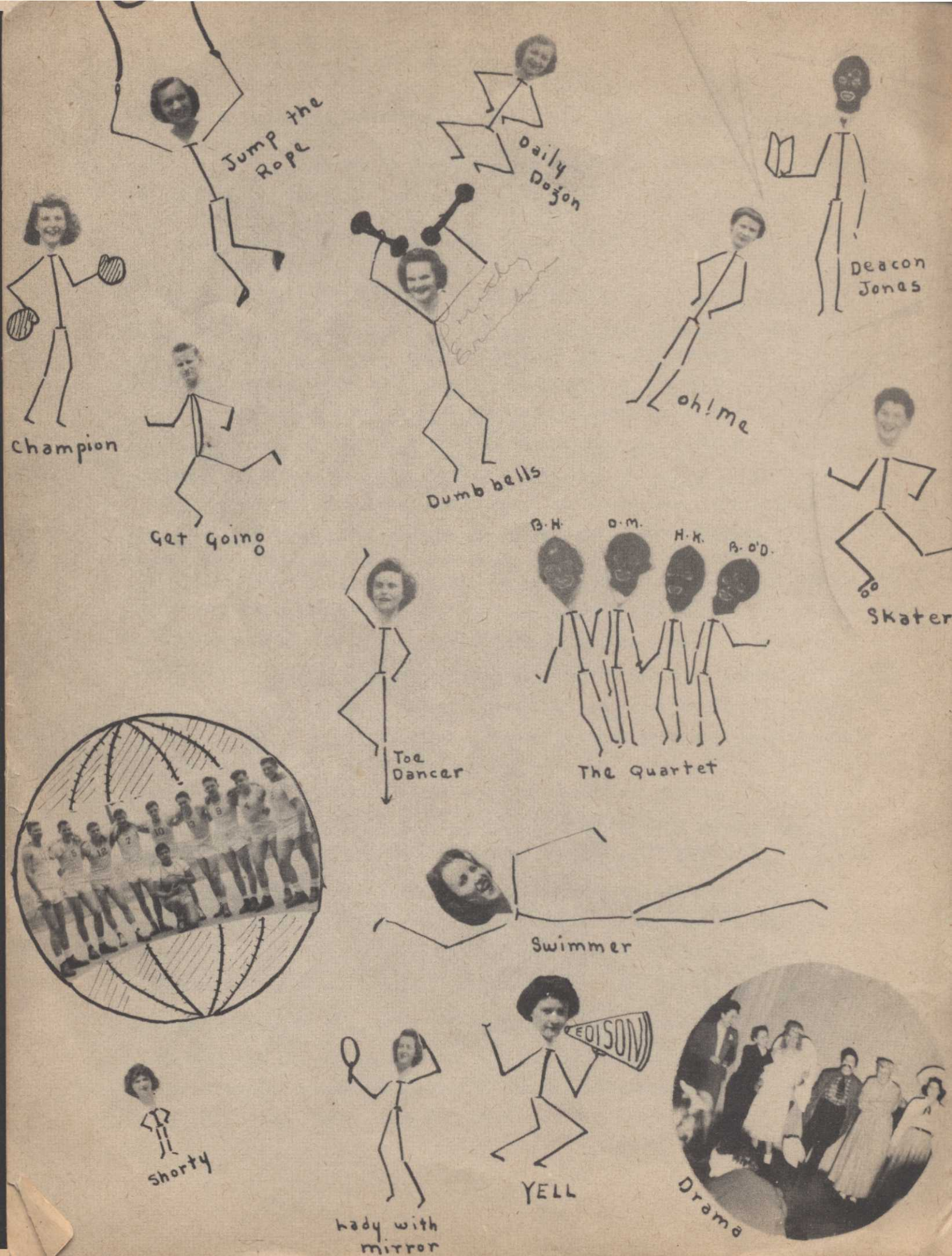
BILL ZORMIER leaves his dancing technique to "Slab."

And last of all we all will to the coming Senior Classes the wonderful cooperation we have had in compiling this book. We are specially indebted to our photographers: Mrs. E. Brazil, Sterling's Studio and Gordon's Photo Studios.

We all realize how difficult it is to start a new project in a small school. Advancing from the "home-made" book to this kind was certainly a big step and we hope future classes will keep on taking big steps.

Most of the work in this book was put forth by Co-chairmen, Margaret Squibb and Betty Stifle. The designing and theme was worked out by Mrs. Welty. Typing and compiling was done by Senior commercial students under the direction of Miss Leskow.

To Ed Beck we leave the Best of Luck in the future - (Since I had a part in the production of this book it is with legality that I add this bit).


Jump the Rope
Daily Dozen
Deacon Jones
Champion
Get Going
Dumb bells
Oh! me
Skater
B.H.
O.M.
H.K.
B.O'D.
Toe Dancer
The Quartet
Swimmer
Shorty
Lady with mirror
EDISON
YELL
Drama

autographs

Joris Mahoffey "Bloodie"

Mrs Steron

Mary Jean Massy

Bernard Darnell

Pat McCoy "46"

Cookie Blakeborough "45"

Louise Bames

Duane Stout

"Red" Walters

Joyce Lauch "Boogie Woogie" Piano "46"

Kenny Greiman

Argine Johnson

Lawaine Zinci "46"

Margaret Rowan

Neville Gough

Don Neff "46"

Marge Squibb

Mary Janci "47"

Dottie Perkins "46"

Pauline Walter school nurse, 6-19-44

Robert Ramsey

Dorothy Arndt "46"

autographs

Jerry Dakeman

Joe Proctor

Jean Kern

Don Belie

Evelyn Barnes

Helen Hughes

Richard Jones "Wolf"

Beatrice Crider

Bette Talmadge "46" Sapamore

Richard Downey

Best 2t ishes

Dottie Ordean "Shorty"

Bette Waters "46"

Lorraine Deller

Richard Jones

Augtlney Jones "46"

Ted Fischer "45"

Gordon McLaughlin

Lorraine Legler

James L. Shaw Jun.

Howard Forsberg

Carmen Mesas "Bzy"

Joe Mladenik

Lillian Pera

Richard E. Shultz

Dutch

Harold Meeks

Sara Halfacre "Bindie"

Best of Luck

Phyllis Sotmary

Bob Lancaster

Donna Walzak

Betty Emory

Homer J. Peter

Rose "46"